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Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
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IMAGE CODING METHOD, IMAGE
CODING AND DECODING METHOD,
IMAGE CODING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE
RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS
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of Serial No. 09/623,397,
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CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 10-53217, filed March 5, 1998, and Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 10-152454, filed June 2, 1998, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

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